



Attorney Docket No.: 60188-841  
**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Katsuya ARAI, et al.. : Customer No.20277  
Serial No.: 10/827,442 : Confirmation No.: 2727  
Filed: April 20, 2004 : Group Art Unit: 2836  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE : Examiner: DHARTI HARIDAS PATEL

**ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 25, 2006, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct *Species*:

Embodiment 1: Figure 1;  
Embodiment 2: Figure 2;  
Embodiment 3: Figure 3;  
Embodiment 4: Figure 4;  
Embodiment 5: Figure 5;  
Embodiment 6: Figure 6;  
Embodiment 7: Figure 7; and  
Embodiment 8: Figure 8.

Applicants elect, without traverse, *Species III*, Embodiment 3, Figure 3, with claims 1, 5 and 11-14 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.

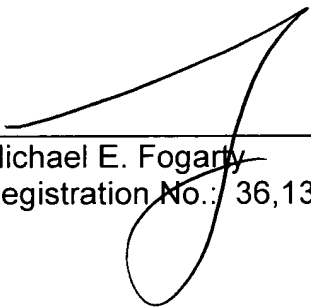
Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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